Wear And Appearance Of The Uniform

Are You In Compliance?...

Well, You Should Be!

Terminal Learning Objective

Obtain a broad based scope of basic uniform requirements per the newly implemented AR 670-1.

Enabling Learning Objectives

- Identify and implement standards for uniform fit and appearance
- Identify and implement standards for general grooming
- Identify and implement standards for accessories while in uniform

The Importance

"The Army is a uniformed service where discipline is judged…by the manner in which a soldier wears a prescribed uniform…[and] the individual's personal appearance."

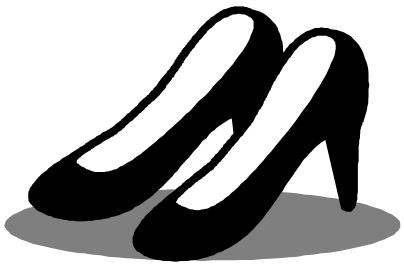
AR 670-1

Chap 1,

Para 1-7

Uniform Fit and Appearance

- Must fit properly, not tightly
- Must be clean, serviceable, and pressed (starch is not necessary)
- Footwear must be clean and shined



Uniform Fit (cont.)

- Articles should not protrude from pockets or have a bulky appearance
- Keys or electronic devices are authorized for wear on the uniform as prescribed by the commander
  - Must be associated with performance of duty
  - Must be worn on the belt, belt loop, waistband, or otherwise obstructed from view.

General Grooming

- This section will cover standards for:
  - Hair
    - Hairstyles
    - Hair color
    - Facial hair
  - Fingernails
  - Cosmetics

Standards for Hair

While there are many acceptable ways to wear the hair, it must be neat and conservative. Leaders at all levels are responsible for ensuring the standard is met.

Yes,

This means you

Hairstyles

- Extreme or trendy haircuts or hairstyles are not acceptable
- Male haircuts:
  - Will present a tapered appearance
  - Not fall over the ears, eyebrows, or touch the back of the collar
  - Should not interfere with the proper wear of headgear and protective mask

Hairstyles (cont.)

NOTE: While males are authorized to have hair shaved to the scalp, they are not authorized to have braids, cornrows, or dread locks. Males may also wear wigs or hairpieces in uniform to cover natural baldness or physical deformity. These items will conform to standards list above.

Hairstyles (cont.)

- Female hairstyles:
  - Will be well groomed with a neat appearance
  - Will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom of the collar
  - That are distinctly unbalanced are prohibited (asymmetrical)
  - Will not interfere with proper wear of headgear or protective mask

Hairstyles (cont.)

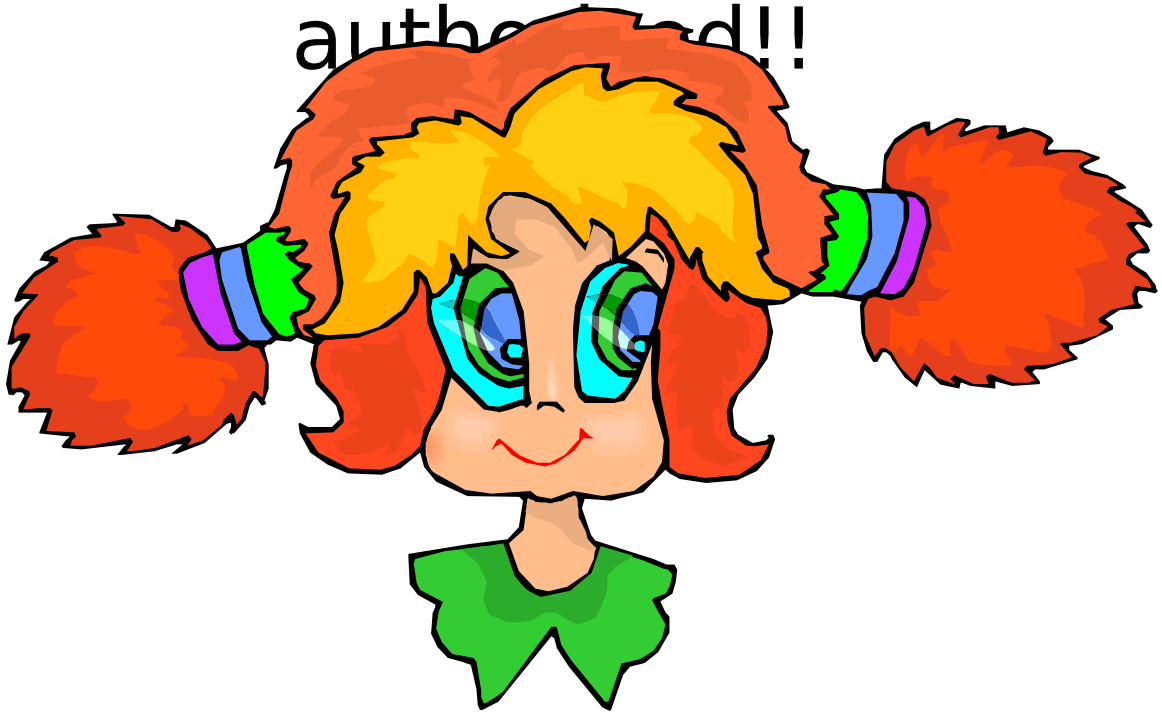
Here is an example of a well groomed hairstyle

Hairstyles (cont.)

- Hair holding devices are for the sole purpose of securing the hair
  - Devices should be plain and clear or close to the soldier’s hair color
  - Large, excessive, conspicuous, or decorative devices are not authorized

Hairstyle

- Ponytails or pigtails not secured to the head are not authorized!!



Hairstyles (cont.)

- Extensions, weaves, wigs and hairpieces are authorized as long as they conform with the standards for natural hair
- Braids and cornrows are authorized
  - The style must be conservative
  - The style must lie or fit snugly on the head
  - Dreadlock are not authorized

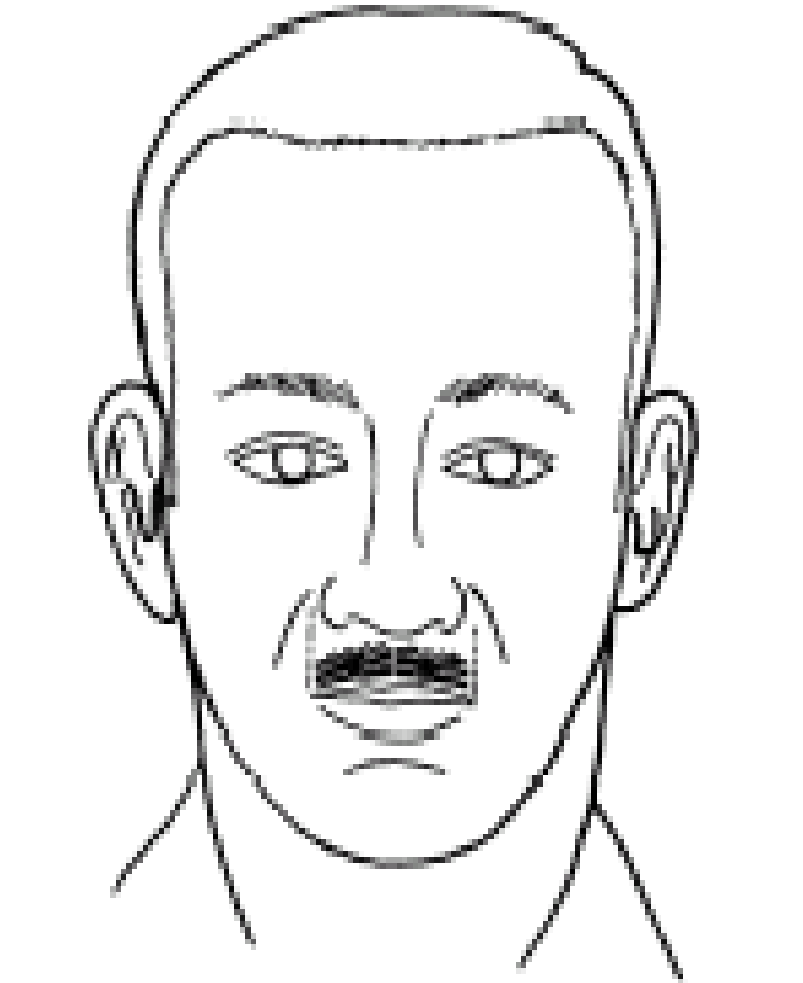
Hair Color

- Dyes, tints, and bleaches should result in natural colors
- Colors that are extreme or detract from a professional appearance are unauthorized
- Prohibited colors include, but are not limited to:
  - Purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright red
  - Fluorescent or neon colors

Facial Hair

- Male must be clean shaven
- Side burns will cut in a horizontal line not to extend below the lowest part of the ear opening
- Mustaches are permitted
  - They must be neatly trimmed and not present a bushy appearance
  - No portion of the hair will cover the lip or extend beyond the corners of the mouth

Facial Hair (cont.)



Facial Hair (cont.)

- Handlebar mustaches, goatees, beard are not permitted

- If any facial growth is permitted because of medical treatment, length must be specified and adhered to

Fingernails

- All personnel will keep nails clean and neatly trimmed
- Males
  - Nails will not extend beyond the fingertips
  - No nail polish, including clear
- Females
  - Nails will not exceed ¼” past the fingertip (shorter if directed by commander)

Fingernails (cont.)

- Nail polish will be conservative and complementary to the skin tone and uniform
- Soldier are not permitted to have nail designs or two-tone colors
- Some extreme colors include, but are not limited to:
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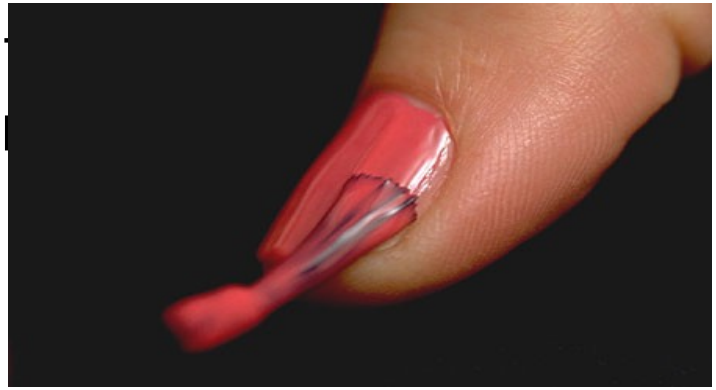
  fluorescent colors



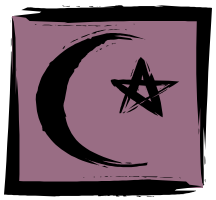
Cosmetics

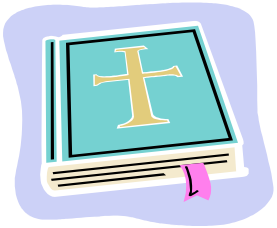
- Males are prohibited from wearing cosmetics of any kind
- Females are authorized to wear cosmetics in any duty uniform
  - They must be conservative and complement the uniform and complexion
  - Eccentric, exaggerated, or trendy cosmetics are prohibited
  - Permanent makeup (eyeliner, etc.,) is authorized, but must be within the standard

Accessories

- This section will cover:
  - Religious articles
  - Jewelry
  - Eyewear
  - Tattoos
  - ID tags and security badges

Religious Articles





- Religious articles, apparel, or jewelry may be worn with the uniform if it is neat, conservative, and obstructed from sight.
- Articles may displayed in uniform as part of a worship service
- Religious headgear must be plain in color and be completely covered by military headgear

Jewelry

- All soldiers may wear a wristwatch, a wrist ID bracelet, and two rings.l
- All jewelry must be conservative and good taste
- Body piercing is not authorized for any soldier
- Females may wear earrings
  - Gold, silver, or white pearl balls
  - Round diamonds
  - Will not exceed ¼” in diameter

Eyewear

- Conservative prescription eyeglasses are permitted
- Conservative prescription/nonprescription sunglasses are permitted in garrison, while outdoor, but not in formation
- Neither eyeglasses or sunglasses should be faddish, have adornments, or trendy colored frames or lenses.

Eyewear (cont.)

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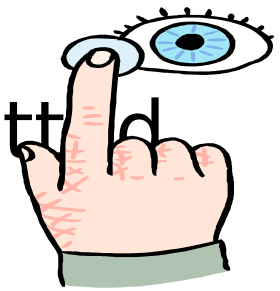

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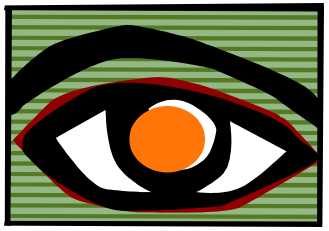

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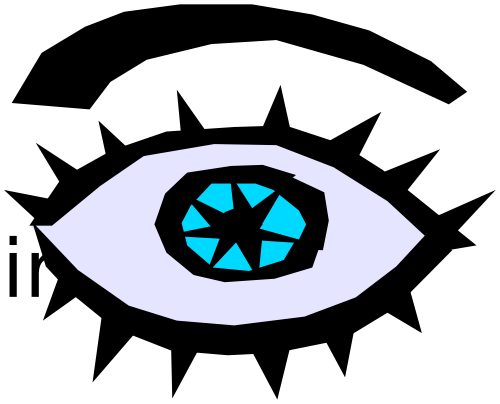


Tattoos

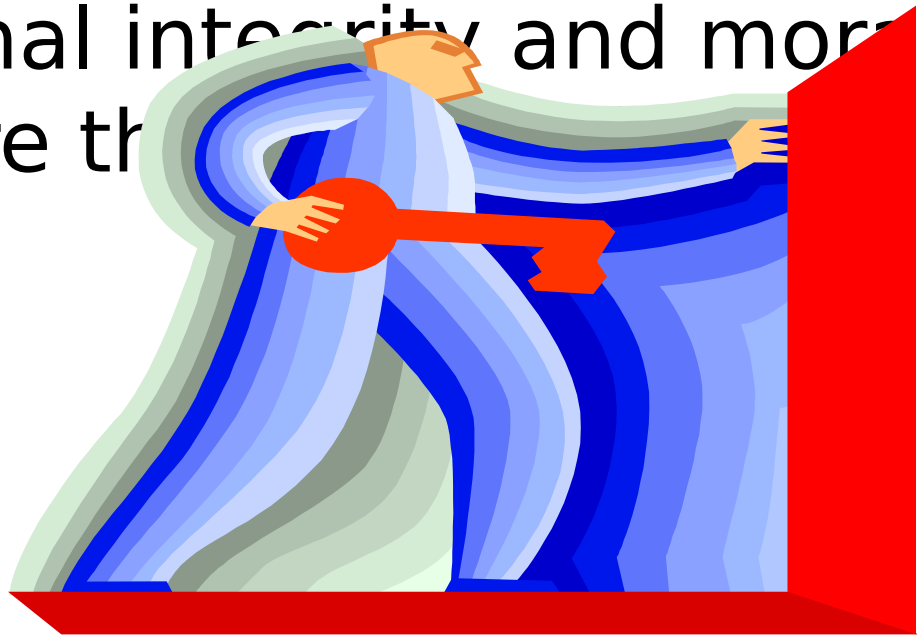
- Tattoos of an extreme, racist, sexist, or indecent nature are prohibited
- Tattoos that are visible in the Class A uniform are prohibited
- Soldiers that are not in compliance must be counseled and may be discharged

ID Tags and Security Badges

- ID tags will be worn around the neck when in a field environment, while traveling in an aircraft and when outside the continental United States
- Personnel will wear security badges only the areas for which they are required and will not hang other items from them

Conclusion

It is our responsibility as Noncommissioned Officers to uphold and enforce the standard and personal integrity and moral courage are th



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